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In re application of :
Conkwright, et. al. :
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

As provided for in 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d), the Commissioner is hereby petitioned to make the above-referenced patent application special and advance it out of turn for examination. Also included herein is a Preliminary Amendment, the execution of which is requested prior to examination.

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d)

The Preliminary Amendment included below directs the above-referenced patent application to a single invention and places the application in condition for allowance by the Examiner. Should the Commissioner determine that the application is directed to multiple inventions, Applicant agrees to an election without traverse.

In addition to the search performed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, a copy of which is attached hereto, applicant has performed a pre-examination search in Class 725, subclasses 12, 14, 18, 24, 34, and 35; Class 707, subclass 104.1; and Class 705, subclass 10. Copies of references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present application are attached hereto. A detailed discussion of the references which points out, with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §§1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references is presented below.

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